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## BERKSHIRE POWER

# Town wants a share of pollution settlement

*Power plant in Agawam to pay \$8.5M to federal, state agencies for falsifying emissions data*

By Michael J. Ballway  
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Berkshire Power Plant admits it tampered with monitors between 2009 and 2011, allowing it to exceed federal limits on pollution, and will pay fines of almost \$8.5 million.

None of that money is coming to the town surrounding the smokestack, Agawam.

"This was something that the town was not aware of," said Cohen, who said he learned about not only the plea deal but the lawsuit itself from news reports last week. "I have the Law Depart-

ment looking into it. He's trying to get in touch with the A.G."

He isn't the only one asking for the town to receive a share of the fines. Last Thursday, a day after the settlement was announced, City Councilor Richard Theroux sent a memo to the mayor and his fellow councilors asking that the

Law Department investigate "any recourse of our own."

"I am appalled that the town of Agawam was completely kept out of the settlement agreement," Theroux said. "I am further angered that our town and its residents were not aware of this ongoing investigation and

its conclusion — the very people who were left in the dark and who are affected by this."

The mayor said it's unclear whether the town could join the lawsuit after the settlement was made.

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## One for the ladies



From left, Jennifer Haile of West Springfield, Susan Thibault of Feeding Hills, and Veronica Hamann of Agawam toast "Thursday Night Therapy: Ladies Night Out," a first-time event that turned out to be a successful fundraiser for the Agawam Junior Women's Club on March 31. More photos, page 10. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

## GAMES AND LANES

# 'Eyesore' property sale finally closes

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Site Redevelopment Technologies has finally closed on the property at 346-350 Walnut Street Ext., commonly known as the "Games and Lanes" site.

The sale was finalized last week after months of speculation about the redevelopment firm's interest in purchasing the long-vacant eyesore property.

"This is a great day for Agawam," said Mayor Richard Cohen in a press release issued late last week. "We strive every day to improve the quality of life for Agawam residents and we are thrilled to be able to announce a tangible result of that commitment."

SRT's purchase of the property was announced last October, but the sale was delayed while the state tested neighboring properties for ground contamination.

David Peter, who represents SRT in this endeavor, said the testing found contamination

spread from the site as far as Suffolk Street and Rocky's Hardware to the east.

"Now that we know where the contamination is, we can work at correcting it," said Peter.

Peter said the contamination is mostly chemicals used in dry cleaning. He said a dry-cleaning facility was once located on the property, and the chemicals have been on the property since.

Cohen, the town's Planning and Community Development Office, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worked with Peter to facilitate the testing and work with residents and business owners in the area to get the testing completed. Testing has found that much of the contamination has dissipated from surrounding properties.

Cleaning up the property and the surrounding area is no easy task, said Peter.

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## SHANE FOUNDATION

# Student logos aim to keep kids off drugs

By Mike Lydick  
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Logos created by two AJHS students are simple designs, but they could send positive and powerful messages to youngsters about the dangers of drug addiction.

Hannah Dayvdov, 12, and Mariel Izoita, 14, won first and second place, respectively, in a logo contest sponsored by a foundation started by an Agawam

mother to help youngsters avoid drug addiction. The Shane Foundation was established by Tracy Wilkie in 2015 to honor her oldest son Shane, a chronic drug abuser who died in 2014 at age 22 from his addiction.

The contest was launched by Wilkie in February to get Agawam Junior High School students involved in helping to promote the foundation's "making good choices" mission. Principal Norm Robins called the contest "a great

opportunity" to discuss drug addiction and overdoses.

"It started out as a contest that led to more serious and open discussions about the pitfalls and dangers drugs pose in our communities — and that drug obsessions don't discriminate when it comes to victims," he said.

The winning designs were chosen from among 30 entries submitted and then judged by

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Hannah Dayvdov, 12, left, and Mariel Izoita, 14, show off their winning logo designs for the Shane Foundation. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK



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## Pasta dinner to benefit teacher’s battle with cancer

A pasta dinner will be held 4-7 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at St. John’s Church, 833 Main St., Agawam, with proceeds to benefit Agawam resident Donna Gabriel in her battle with breast cancer. Gabriel has incurred high medical expenses from ongoing treatments.

She is the mother of seven grown children and eight grandchildren and is a special education teacher in Ludlow, where she continues to work with her students.

Tickets are \$10 per person. The night’s events will also include a Chinese raffle for gift baskets and a 50-50 raffle.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Donna at 413-537-4808 or Patty at 413-433-2896. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Organic gardening topic of April 12 meeting

The Agawam Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, at the Agawam Senior Center. Featured guest for the evening will be naturalist and educator John Root, of Amherst, whose presentation will be “Organic Gardening for All.”

Root presents nature and gardening programs. He is the leader of edible wild plant walks at libraries, nature centers, garden clubs and other venues throughout New England

The public is welcome. The Senior Center is at 954 Main St., Agawam.

## Women’s club to discuss healing power of tea

The Catholic Women’s Club of Agawam will hold its next meeting Monday, April 11. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Father Joyce Room at St. John’s Church Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Danielle Beaudetta, the Rev. Brian McGrath’s sister-in-law, who will talk about “The Healing Powers of Tea.” Beaudetta will have various teas available for attendees to sample. All members and their guests are welcome.

St. John the Evangelist Church is at 833 Main St., Agawam.

## Breakfast information session at Senior Center on nutrition

Acti-Kare of Springfield will host a breakfast seminar on nutrition and wellness for seniors Monday, April 11, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. The keynote speaker will be Jennifer Giffune, a licensed dietitian and nutritionist who is also certified as a weight specialist by the American Dietetic Association.

This is the first of a series of informational sessions that will include topics on home safety and memory care. The breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. Space is limited to the first 25 attendees. To make a reservation, email kpoehler2016@gmail.com.

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# Local author inspired ‘Teacher’ playwright

Lyle Pearsons, who wrote “Teacher — The Annie Sullivan Story,” playing April 14-16 at Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills, was inspired by a book.

“Gentle Hands to Victory” by Jean Welt Taylor, formerly of Feeding Hills, is a biographical story of a life that many may be unfamiliar with and yet whose impact on the education of the blind and deaf, and perhaps to teachers in general, was immeasurable.

Taylor spent years researching the life of Annie Sullivan, a poor, half-blind Irish girl — also a Feeding Hills resident — whose determination to go to school brought her out of poverty to become one of the most famous women of her time.

Pearsons managed to track down Taylor, who now resides in Tucson, Ariz.

“She has been so helpful answering questions and filling in the gaps I needed to complete the play’s factual background,” Pearsons said. “Her book is an easy-read account of Annie’s life as the longtime companion and teacher to Helen Keller.”

Several of the plays that Pearsons has written have historical backgrounds, including “Whoa Nellie” about one of the first woman reporters, “Westward Bound” about children on the orphan trains, and “Cutlass of the Sea” about Grace O’Malley, the Irish pirate queen.

“I was particularly excited about writing this one because of its local significance and because I could actually talk with people whose descendants were somehow related to Annie,” said Pearsons. “Jean was related to John Taylor, who hired Annie’s father to work his farm back in the late 1800s. He also gave them a cottage to live in across from his farm on South Westfield Street.”

The play features three local actresses portraying Sullivan at different ages.

“I had originally intended to make it a one-woman show, but the more I thought about it, the play began to lean toward three playing the different phases of her life,” Pearsons said.

Sophie Collins, a student at McAlister Intermediate School in Suffield, takes on the child Annie. Jaime Pearsons, a paraprofessional at Spaulding School in Suffield, plays the young Annie, and Margie Secora, former owner of Red Riding Hood’s Basket and co-founder of the Red Door Theatre, portrays Annie in her later years.

“I’m excited to be presenting this play as a double celebration,” said Pearsons. “April 12 is the 150th anniversary of Annie’s birth and this year is the 25th anniversary of the



Annie Sullivan, right, pictured with Helen Keller in 1888. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Red Door Theatre. I don’t think it’s a coincidence that the two are coming together near the site of where she was born. To quote Annie, “We do not, I think, choose our destiny. It chooses us.”

The opening performance is Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m., and will be marked by many invited guests that include local dignitaries and community leaders as well as business supporters and friends of the Red Door family. The following evenings, Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m., the play will open to the general public. Tickets are \$10 and reservations may be made by calling 413-789-2026.

The Red Door Theatre is at 152 S. Westfield St. More information on “Teacher — The Annie Sullivan Story,” as well as upcoming events including Shakespeare on the Hill and summer theater camps, can be found at reddoortheatre.com.

## Community forum on addiction set for April 13

Residents are invited to an “Agawam Addiction Forum” scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, at the Roberta G. Doring School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam. An open house will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by the forum from 7 to 9 p.m.

In addition to resources, information and handouts, the evening will include a meet and greet with specialists, professionals and speakers. Featured guests will include Tracy Wilkie of the Shane Foundation and Kristin Trauschke of Agawam Against Addiction.

A question-and-answer period will take place with substance abuse specialists and speakers.

For more information, visit Facebook.com/groups/AgawamAgainstAddiction.

## Rotary’s ‘Spring Fling’ is this Friday

The Agawam Rotary Club will host its second annual wine tasting fundraising event from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 8. This year’s “Spring Fling” will take place at the Storwotton Tavern Carriage House on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Entertainment for the evening will be local talent Ray Crooks.

The evening will begin with hors d’oeuvres and a spirit tasting compliments of Williams Distributing, M.S. Walker, Horizons Beverage and Martignetti Companies. There will be a silent and live auction, Chinese raffle and a 50-50 raffle.

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# Opinion

OUR VIEW

## Games and Lanes strategy pays off

Good news about Games and Lanes is good news for Agawam — period.

For Mayor Richard Cohen and others who pursued the private redevelopment route, however, it's also a political vindication a long time coming. They had another developer lined up a year and a half ago, only to see the deal never materialize. They've been talking about Site Redevelopment Technologies for the past 13 months, but it took half a year to ink the purchase and sales agreement. And after announcing the imminent sale of the property in October, it's taken another half-year for the sale to close.

All through that time, political opponents speculated that the deal would fall through, like the last one. Understandably frustrated neighbors of Games and Lanes — folks who have been living and working next to a massive eyesore for the past decade and a half — blasted Town Hall for “doing nothing” and neglecting one of the town's highest economic development priorities.

It didn't help that the town government was pushing for merchants' buy-in on a controversial “walkable downtown” streetscape on Walnut Street Extension — the same street, the same block as Games and Lanes — at the same time that there was no visible change, other than the further deterioration of the roof, in the chief obstacle to restoring that neighborhood to vibrancy.

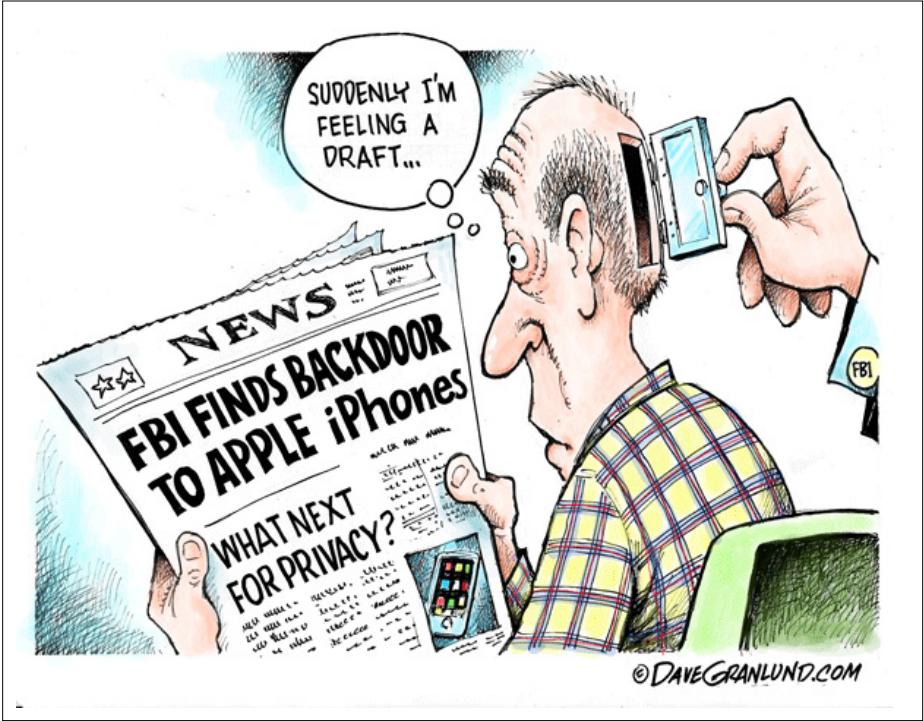
The delay wasn't the mayor's fault, or the developer's. To execute the purchase, SRT had to know the extent of the ground pollution for which it was taking responsibility. The state Department of Environmental Protection was in charge of testing for contamination, and it got a late start. It also hit an unexpected delay when one of the neighboring landowners refused to allow testing on a Suffield Street property.

Marc Strange, the town's planning and community development director, kept reiterating that the town was just waiting for test results, which were taking longer than expected. This was cold comfort to people who wanted the problem solved. And it seemed there was a simple solution ready: Why not have the town government take over the property, they asked.

That would have been a mistake, and the mayor and City Council deserve credit for resisting the urge to take action for the sake of taking action. Selling Games and Lanes to SRT means the property stays on the tax rolls. It also means that a private developer incurs the cost of environmental cleanup — not a town government that hardly needs a potential albatross around its fiscal neck, and has to pay government rates for all work. Finally, it means that a private developer, with experience reselling commercial properties, will be tasked with finding the next profitable use for the property. Agawam's town government doesn't have much expertise in the commercial real estate business, and nor should it.

It looks like Games and Lanes is finally on the right track after months and years of delays. Granted, it looked that way half a year ago, and half a year before that, and half a year before that. There's no guarantee that this process won't hit another speed bump. But Agawam is wise to stay on this road no matter how long it takes. The end of this journey should be worth the wait.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).



### YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

## Band Against Cancer

In the last three years, the Band Against Cancer has raised more than \$125,000 for the Jimmy Fund and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Former Brownies Paul Vella, Don Progulske and Dave Wiley and their friends and families will be doing it again on Saturday, April 30, at 6 p.m. at the Warehouse, 109 Lyman St., Holyoke. Tickets and additional information are available at [www.olddog-snewtricksband.com](http://www.olddog-snewtricksband.com).

Jim Reynolds IV umpired in the Toronto series in Fenway Park back in September of 2015. Watch for him again this year. Jim IV and Jim V live in Arizona.

Going through some old papers I found a late pass Don Wheeler gave me back in 1972. I'll have to call him to find out why he was late.

John La Zazzera's house on Adams Street got severely damaged by a fallen tree. John and his wife Ann (Remillard) had to move out until the work is done.

Stan Drzyzga's grandson Jordan's picture was on the front page of a local paper recently. Stan '56 said Jordan is the son of his son Brian. Stan has 12 other grandchildren. What Brownie has the most?

Richard Toelken mailed us an old scrapbook. Recently an ad for Paul Toelken's piano tuning services turned up in a '70s town newspaper.

Rick Augusti '80 taught my granddaughter Olivia Salva how to play “Mary Had a Little Lamb” on the piano. Watching that was worth all the tea in China.

Steve Atwater '71 was in the Olympia hockey rink the night we played West Side (we won easily). His son was playing for East Longmeadow that night. Steve scored five straight goals for AHS soccer in the fall

of 1970 against Longmeadow. A natural hat trick in hockey is three straight goals for your team without any other teammate scoring. What would you call five straight? Steve Atwater would be a good candidate for the Hall of Fame. His record set in 1970 has never been broken.

Former track coach Ray Weiner has moved back to this area. He will be pleased to know that Tom Panke '61, his one-mile champion, has been nominated to the Hall of Fame.

The '63s lost their track star, Ray Danton, who passed away recently in Colorado after his long battle against cancer. His chemotherapy kept him from our 50th reunion but some of us got to see him about a year ago. More information will be written here when we get his obituary.

Ray Leopardi '74 will be back on his motorcycle now that it is finally warming up.

The '63s will miss their third grade Phelps School teacher, Mrs. Bernie Polopek. She taught for a long time and read to the children after her retirement. My son Kevin had Bernie's daughter, Beth Robinson, for third grade at Phelps and remembers Mrs. Polopek reading to them.

Those of you who think that AHS did not award any diplomas in June of 1923 can maybe explain why West Springfield High School had 78 graduates in 1922 but only 63 in 1923. Then in 1924, they had 110. Maybe the West Side class of '22 had Agawam residents but the class of '23 did not.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



Walt Willard



Raymond Leopardi



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# Blood drive set for next Saturday

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The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood this spring to ensure a sufficient supply for patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals across the country. Eligible donors can give red blood cells through either a regular whole blood donation or a double red cell donation, where available. During a double red cell donation, two units of red blood cells are collected while most of the plasma and platelets are returned to the donor. Double red cell donors must meet additional eligibility criteria, which will be determined at

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This year's Pynchon medalists will be announced in August.

# Applications due Friday to fill school board seat

Due to the sad passing of longtime School Committee member Roberta G. Doering, the City Council is accepting applications from Agawam residents interested in completing her term on the board.

Candidates should contact Barbara Bard in the council office at 413-726-9716, or [bbard@agawam.ma.us](mailto:bbard@agawam.ma.us), by the end of the business day on Friday, April 8. The

appointee will join the School Committee immediately and serve until the next town election, November 2017. The City Council and School Committee will meet jointly on Tuesday, April 12, to make the appointment.

The council offers its sincere condolences to Doering's family.

# 'Nancy and Helga' return with tips to reduce trash

The Agawam Public Library will host a recycling program titled "Trash Talkin' With Nancy (and Helga) — Community Based Solutions to Reducing Our Trash Footprint and Keeping Our Town Clean" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12.

Nancy Bobskill is a former teacher at Agawam High School and is an environmental blogger. For more information, visit her blog at [www.helgazerowaste.blogspot.com](http://www.helgazerowaste.blogspot.com).

This event is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association and the Agawam DPW. To register, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org). One free kitchen compost bucket will be available to the first 25 people (one per household) that sign up and attend this event.

The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

# Musical show to benefit Dakin Humane Society

WEST SPRINGFIELD —The Majestic Theater will hold a special preview performance of "Breaking Up is Hard to Do" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, to benefit Dakin Humane Society. The musical, which features the music of Neil Sedaka, officially opens the following evening and is the final production in the Majestic's 19th season.

Specially priced tickets for this performance can be purchased by visiting the Majestic box office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by phone at 413-747-7797. Proceeds will benefit the care of homeless animals at Dakin, a local nonprofit organization. For more information, visit [www.dakinhumane.org](http://www.dakinhumane.org).

## LOGOS ■ from page 1

the School Committee. Hannah and Mariel were at the committee's March 22 meeting when Wilkie announced they had won.

### Megaphone with positive symbols

Hannah's design, "Raise Your Voices — Make Good Choices," features a megaphone with positive symbols that represent good choices. She made one draft before scrapping it and drawing her final design. It took her about five to six hours — from jotting down ideas to sketching to the final drawing — to complete her design.

"I wanted my design to show that all it takes to make a life-changing choice is to speak up and refuse," said the seventh grader. "Whether or not you say 'no' makes or breaks your chance at health, happiness, and a long life."

Hannah said individuals faced with the choice to do drugs should be able to speak out for themselves and resist. "I feel people will be able to keep a slogan like 'Raise Your Voices — Make Good Choices' in their minds when forced to make a choice."

She added that she hopes her design will help people realize that by making a simple, good choice they can avoid getting addicted to drugs, which she said "could lead to unfortunate outcomes."

### Protecting a heart

Mariel's illustration, "Accept Hugs, Not Drugs," shows a young person smiling, arms crossed over a heart, and eyes closed. It symbolizes someone making good choices by avoiding drugs.

Mariel placed a person's hands cradling a heart in a protective way to show that "your life is in your hands" and that it's important to protect it by saying "no" to drugs. Mariel also added a smiling face and closed eyes to show "relief and happiness" about making the right choice.

She added that her design message shows that people can protect themselves: "Drugs can lead to death. My message is that only you have the power to make good choices and to save your own life by refus-

ing drugs."

Mariel, who as a seventh grader last year designed a winning poster promoting fire safety, drew about 10 small sketches on a piece of paper, and all had a heart within each logo. She finally decided on a person who is not gender- or race-specific.

"It took me about two or three hours to complete my logo, even though it's pretty small and simple," she said.

### T-shirts and bumper stickers

As the first-place winner, Hannah's design will appear on T-shirts worn by AJHS students and staff at a special assembly in May on drug abuse. Mariel's design will be used on bumper stickers distributed by the foundation. Hannah won a Kindle Paperwhite ebook reader, while Mariel received a gift card.

Hannah said the foundation's purpose helped inspire her.

"I believe in what The Shane Foundation stands for and felt the need to show my support by contributing to the contest and expressing the importance of making good choices," she said. "It's moving that a heart-wrenching event like this could be turned into an empowering organization that works to prevent Shane's fate from happening to others."

Mariel said she was "really shocked" about how Shane died from drug addiction.

"I couldn't really picture a normal Agawam student dying from drug addiction," she said. "I know that drugs can lead to death, but it was hard to accept the fact that it happened to someone who once went to my own school and was a normal student just like anyone else."

Wilkie said Hannah's and Mariel's designs will create not only a sense of unity at the assembly but their slogans will also resonate with youngsters.

"This generation of kids is very advanced, mature, and intelligent," she said. "You can't 'just say no' — there needs to be a stronger impression that carries them into adulthood."

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1. Engine additive  
4. Recipe measurement (abbr.)  
7. Tooth caregiver  
10. Hawaiian dish  
11. Retirement account  
12. Basketball player Ming  
13. Say suddenly  
15. Carbon isotope ration (abbr.)  
16. Frasier Crane's brother  
19. Framework over oil well  
21. Edible mollusk  
23. Handy  
24. Japanese banjo  
25. Microwave  
26. Double-reed instrument  
27. Covered  
30. Leaseholders

34. Master of business  
35. Herb  
36. Blood clot  
41. Route  
45. Reach a higher position  
46. American state  
47. Erases  
50. Expunge  
53. Waits around idly  
54. Came into  
56. Nikolai \_\_, Bolshevik theorist  
57. 007's creator  
59. Dravidian language  
60. Central nervous system  
61. Male child  
62. Born of  
63. A period of history  
64. A major division of geological time  
65. Doctor of Education

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Prods  
2. Tempest  
3. Miserable  
4. Excited  
5. Temindung Airport  
6. Provides shade from the sun  
7. Generators  
8. Newspapers  
9. Unaccompanied flights  
13. Bahrain dinar  
14. Romanian currency  
17. Between northeast and east  
18. London Southend Airport  
20. Cucumber  
22. Lovable pig  
27. Woman (French)  
28. Defensive nuclear weapon  
29. Clutch

31. Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet  
32. Records electrical activity  
33. Car mechanics group  
37. Speaking permission  
38. A formal  
39. Exploiter  
40. Affixed  
41. External genitals  
42. Deity  
43. Eat these with soup  
44. Swerved  
47. Connects two pipes  
48. Challenger  
49. Ranch (Spanish)  
51. Righted  
52. Fatty-fleshed fish  
55. Prosecutes alleged criminals  
58. Swiss river

**A Prayer to the Holy Spirit**  
Holy Spirit, You made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be, I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen, Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish, After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted, I will never stop trusting in God and his power.  
**P.L.M.**

# Restaurant sales to benefit Women's Club

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will partner with EB's Restaurant April 25 for a "Give Back Monday" fundraiser. A percentage of the day's sales (alcohol sales excluded) from opening to closing, including dine-in, take out and delivery, will be donated to the Agawam Juniors.

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club is a community service organization committed to the betterment of the community through special projects supporting the arts, natural resources, education, healthy lifestyles, international causes and civic involvement.

All are invited to help the AJWC continue its work by visiting EB's at 385 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam, on April 25.

Please recycle this newspaper

# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 300 calls for service from March 28 to April 3. The department recorded four arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Monday, March 28

Eric E. Stuart, 31, of 170 Summer St., Fitchburg, was arrested on a delay service of warrant.

### Thursday, March 31

Michael A. Scott, 25, of 17 Highland Ave., Apt. B7, West Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 45 EMS calls from March 29 to April 4, and the following emergency response calls.

On March 29 at 4:54 a.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for detector activation, no fire—unintentional.

On March 29 at 10:47 a.m., the department responded to Tennis Road for animal problem.

On March 29 at 12:32 p.m., the department responded to School Street for lockout.

On March 30 at 5:52 p.m., the department responded to Coyote Circle for good intent call, other.

On March 31 at 4:54 p.m., the department responded to Hemlock Ridge for public service assistance, other.

On March 31 at 9:54 p.m., the department responded to Paul Revere Drive for person in distress, other.

On April 1 at 10:13 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for good intent call, other.

On April 1 at 9:37 p.m., the department responded to Fairview Street for good intent call, other.

On April 1 at 11:35 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for public service.

On April 2 at 11 a.m., the department responded to

### Friday, April 1

Dennis J. Burke, 53, of 56 Kamuda St., Springfield, was arrested on charges of failure to stop for a police, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, attaching plates to a motor vehicle, no inspection sticker, and number plate violation to conceal identity.

Brandon Alan Eaton, 20, of 20 Sumner Ave., Apt. 1R, Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant for malicious damage to a motor vehicle, a warrant for operating under the influence of alcohol, and a warrant for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Pleasant Drive for public service.

On April 2 at 11:55 a.m., the department responded to Stanley Place for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On April 2 at 2:16 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street for alarm system activation no fire — unintentional.

On April 2 at 5:02 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On April 2 at 7:50 p.m., the department responded to Stillbrook Lane for public service assistance, other.

On April 4 at 8:12 a.m., the department responded to Route 57 East for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On April 4 at 8:04 a.m., the department responded to Route 57 East, was dispatched and cancelled en route.

On April 4 at 3:17 p.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street with no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On April 4 at 8:52 p.m., the department responded to Raymond Circle to assist invalid.

On April 4 at 9:07 p.m., the department responded to Forest Road to assist invalid.

## Answering the call



A swearing-in ceremony for Call Firefighter Kyle Fraga took place at the Agawam Fire Station on March 24. Among those in attendance were, from left, Chief Alan Sirois, Mayor Richard Cohen, Fraga, and Deputy Chief Bernard Calvi. Town Clerk Vincent Gioscia performed the swearing-in. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## New officer



A swearing-in ceremony for Police Officer John Brodeur took place at the Agawam Police Station on March 24. Among those in attendance were, from left, Lt. Edward McGovern, Police Chief Eric Gillis, Mayor Richard Cohen, Brodeur, Lt. Jennifer Blanchette and Town Clerk Vincent Gioscia. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Volunteers sought to flag graves

The Agawam Veterans Council is seeking volunteers to flag veterans' graves Saturday, April 23. Anyone interested in participating can meet at the Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

The Veterans Office will conduct the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30 at the Veterans Green, 689 Main St., Agawam.

## Fish and Game hosts tag sale

The Rent-a-Space Tag Sale will be held Saturday at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills. For more information, contact Liz at 860-798-1013, Randy at 413-846-3433, or the club at 413-786-5925.

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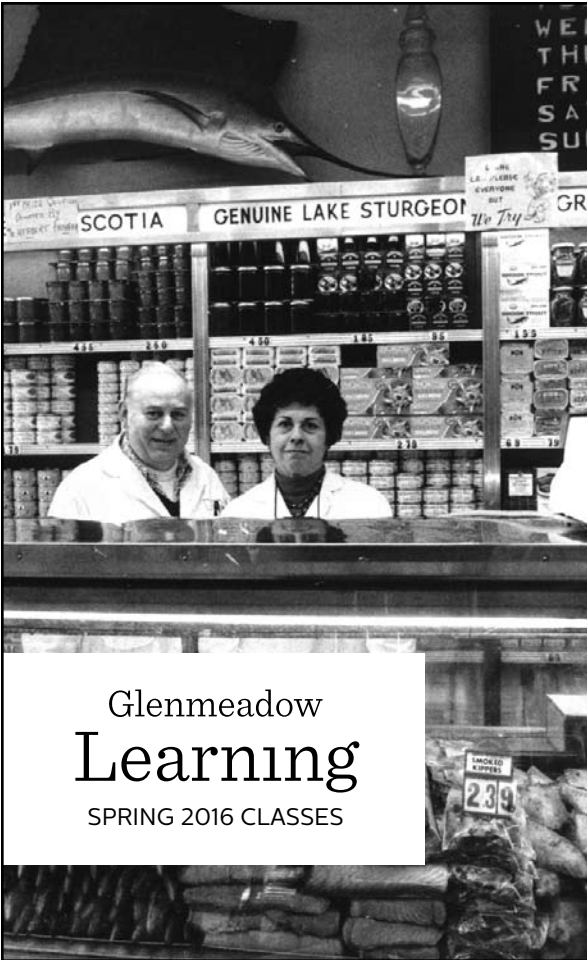
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# Youth

## Rosie qualifies for N.E. Championships

HARTFORD, Conn. — Rosie Robotics, the Agawam High School FIRST Robotics Competition team, qualified this past weekend for the New England Championships to be held April 14-16 at the XL Center in Hartford. Rosie competed at Hartford Public High School in its last chance to qualify. The team performed almost flawlessly with a win-loss record of 9-3, earning enough ranking points to place third in the qualification rounds.

The team chose two Connecticut teams, Buzz Robotics from Enfield and the Grunby Grunts, to be its alliance partner in the elimination rounds. The team's strategy was to complement its strengths and form the best well-rounded alliance possible. The team believed Buzz, with its "lights out" high goal shooter and "tower scaling" ability, and the Grunts, with another great high goal shooter, did that. After losing the first match in the quarterfinals, the alliance stormed back from an early deficit in the second matchup only to come up one point short, 174-173, ending the day in third place overall.

Rosie came home with another Kleiner Perkins Caufield Byers Entrepreneurship Award, celebrating its business plan for a sustainable future and team structure. This

was Rosie's 10th KPCB win in 13 years.

The overall point total in the New England District of 98 places the team in a solid 15th place out of 182 teams, for a certain invitation to New England champs. The team still needs to do well to continue its quest to "storm the castle" at the World Championships in St. Louis, Mo. Those that would like to help Rosie in its quest can contact the team at [www.agawamrobotics.org](http://www.agawamrobotics.org) or on the Facebook.com Rosie Robotics page.

The team is sponsored by Agawam High School, United Technologies, G&L Tool, MPI and PTC, and the Agawam Lions Club.

Over 3,100 teams from across the globe had six weeks to design and build a robot to compete in this year's design challenge, based on a medieval theme. In FIRST Stronghold, two alliances of three robots each are on a quest to breach their opponents' fortifications, weaken their tower with boulders, and capture the opposing tower. Robots score points by breaching opponents' defenses and scoring boulders through goals in the opposing tower. During the final 20 seconds of the quest, robots may surround and scale the opposing tower to capture it.

## School Lunch

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

- Monday, April 11:** Popcorn chicken with dipping sauce, garlic bread, carrot sticks, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, April 12:** Bacon, egg and cheese on a bagel, hash brown, strawberry cup, fresh fruit.
- Wednesday, April 13:** Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce, lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Thursday, April 14:** Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Friday, April 15:** Manager's choice.

### AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Monday, April 11:** Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, baked fries, seasoned green vegetable, assorted chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, April 12:** Baked chicken patty sandwich, low-fat potato chips, carrots and ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Wednesday, April 13:** Ziti with meat sauce, garlic knot, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

- Thursday, April 14:** Barbecue rib on hoagie, wacky cake, baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Friday, April 15:** Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

### AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, April 11:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Tuesday, April 12:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted nutri-grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Wednesday, April 13:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Thursday, April 14:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Friday, April 15:** Pillsbury mini pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, juice.

## Children's Theater to hold auditions

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Auditions are currently being booked for April 16-17 for parts in Children's Theater at West Springfield's Majestic Theater, 131 Elm St. On Saturday, April 16, the auditions will take place from noon to 3 p.m. On Sunday, April 17, they will be from 6 to 9 p.m.

Performers age 12 to 19 are encouraged to call the theater at 413-747-7797 during business hours, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to schedule an appointment. Performers will be asked to read scenes during their audition. Performing a monologue and singing are

encouraged, but not required. For more information, call 413-209-7219.

Shows being performed on a rotating schedule this July and August are "The Frog Prince: A Musical," "A Little Princess" and "Treasure Island." Tickets may be purchased by calling 413-747-7797.

The Theater Project is a non-profit company that Producing Director Danny Eaton founded in 1991. Since March 1997 it has been in residence in West Springfield's historic Majestic Theater, a century-old venue. For additional information, visit [www.majestictheater.com](http://www.majestictheater.com).

## Preschool screening appointments open

The Agawam Public Schools is conducting preschool screenings. Preschool screening is a process of assessing a child's general development. It is not a test in the sense that a child passes or fails. This is not kindergarten screening.

The importance of screening is that it provides information about children's strengths and helps detects areas of weakness. Professionals observe children doing various tasks and then are guided in assessing the child's ability by

standardized performance scales.

Any parent of a 3- or 4-year-old that would like to have their child screened can contact the Agawam Early Childhood Center at 413-821-0597 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are being scheduled for April and May.

Screenings will be conducted throughout the year. Children that are not quite three years old can be screened anytime during the school year.

## Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

### College acceptances

Austin Albertson — Becker College; Karina Demchuk — American International College, Assumption College, Boston University, Emmanuel College, Springfield College, UMass Amherst, UMass Boston, Western New England University; Troy Gallerani — Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, UMass Amherst; Robert Johnston — Hampshire College; Alexis Kupiec — Curry College, Springfield College, UMass Boston, Worcester State University; Justin Laflamme — Fitchburg State University; Lydia Riccio — Worcester State University; Paul Rivera — UMass Amherst; Samantha Swistak — New York University.

### Special interest programs

The STEM Starter Academy at STCC offers current seniors the opportunity to spend the summer on campus earning free college credit and learning more about careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. The program includes college courses, field trips, guest speakers, lectures, and a \$500 stipend. Contact Dr. Felicia Griffin-Fennell at [fdgriffin-fennell@stcc.edu](mailto:fdgriffin-fennell@stcc.edu) or at 413-755-4819. Applications are available in the Counselor Center.

### Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: American College Foundation; Massachusetts Broadcasters Association Student Broadcaster Scholarship; NEACAC Scholarship Essay Contest; Amherst Orchid Society;

Jewish Endowment Fund; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Pioneer Valley Women's Running Club; Warrior Thunder Foundation; 2016 Student View Scholarship Program; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Junior League of Greater Springfield; Hood Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; The Phillips Scholarship Fund; The Michael Yasick ADHD Scholarship by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College Filene Music Scholarship Competition; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship; The Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship; Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Did You Know: Advice to students who have been waitlisted at a college or university: 1) Make a backup; 2) Show your interest; 3) Be a little creative in your communication; 4) Follow instructions, and 5) Ask about your chances.

## Museums feature animals, music, Earth Day during April vacation

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Museums have announced its lineup of activities for the upcoming school vacation week. This year's theme is "Claws, Paws, Scales and Tales," in connection with the ongoing "Wolf to Woof: The Story of Dogs" exhibit at the Springfield Science Museum.

The week kicks off with the Springfield Museum's 25th annual Earth Day Festival, which takes place on Sunday, April 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wide range of environmentally-friendly groups will be on the Quadrangle Green, including Western Mass. Master Gardener's Association, the Center for EcoTechnology, Hampden County Beekeepers Association, Girl Scouts of Central and Western Mass., and Keep Springfield Beautiful, along with interactive displays from the Mass. Wildlife Angler Education Program, Environmental Center for Our Schools and the Western Mass Council of Boy Scouts.

There will also be the annual appearance by the bluegrass trio, "The Boys of the Landfill," plus free seedlings from the Springfield Forestry Division and free ice cream, while supplies last. The event is free to the public; however, if weather forces a move inside, general museum admission will be required to attend the festival. Event sponsors are Astro Chemicals, Doctor's Express Urgent Care, GZA Geoenvironmental, and Solenis.

In honor of the 25th anniversary the Earth Day Festival, two nature-oriented

events are taking place off-site on April 17. From 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club will host a Riverfront History and Photography Tour. Parking is available at 121 West St., Springfield. At noon that day, the Naturalist Club and Springfield Science Museum will host a field trip to explore the Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge. Space is limited for both events, and pre-registration is required. Call 413-263-6800, ext. 404, or email to [daugustino@springfieldmuseums.org](mailto:daugustino@springfieldmuseums.org).

The Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge's mobile Watershed on Wheels (WoW) Express Program will be stationed on the Quadrangle starting April 17 and remain throughout the week.

The Museums have also scheduled a full slate of educational activities during the week, including live animals from Forest Park's "Zoo on the Go" program on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. Visitors can also check out the Science Museum's emu egg incubator for any new arrivals.

Admission is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and college students, \$9.50 for children 3 to 17, and free for children under three and museum members. General admission is free for Springfield residents with proof of address. There is a \$5 per person special exhibit fee to view Wolf to Woof. Hours during school vacation week are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# Living Spaces magazine celebrates 10th anniversary

By Aimee M. Henderson  
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For 10 years, Living Spaces magazine has opened the doors of homes in Western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut, offering a glimpse into the life of some of the region's most well-known people and homes. It has also helped capture the essence of what makes the region so unique.

The local shelter magazine has showcased 94 homes in 34 different communities from as far north as Colrain to as far south as Somers, Conn. It is direct-mailed thrice annually — April, July and October — to discriminating homeowners in our region, but is also available by subscription. The magazine is published by Turley Publications, which also publishes the Agawam Advertiser News.

Associate Publisher and Editorial Director Beth Baker said she noticed in 2006 there was a need in Western Massachusetts for a magazine of its sort. She said the area offers homes ranging from extravagant to interesting, and she wanted to feature them in a local publication. “The thought was, ‘Let’s feature homes and gardens in our area that we take pride in,’” said Baker. “It’s a trendsetter, being one of the first true ‘local’ magazines. It’s all about us, here.”

The only homes Baker will feature in the magazine are homes within the circulation area. She wants to keep the local integrity of the product intact. She said Living Spaces also offers a vehicle for businesses to reach a market of potential customers.

When asked if she has a favorite edition in past 10 years, Baker said, “It’s kind of like a mother trying to pick her favorite child. It’s hard to do. So much energy and planning goes into each issue.”

One edition that has left a lasting impression on Baker, however, is the special tornado issue released in the fall of 2012.

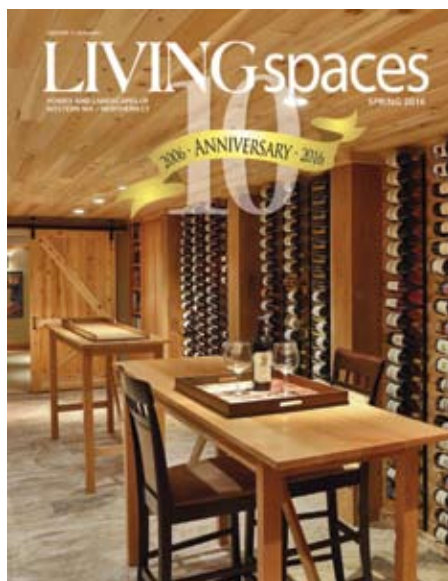
“It was nice to see how people rebuilt after such a tragedy,” she said.

Over the years the magazine has featured a number of local celebrities including Maestro Kevin Rhodes, musical director and conductor of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra; Peter A. Picknelly, chief executive of Peter Pan Bus Lines; philanthropist Harold Grinspoon; and world-renowned Shelburne Falls glass artist Josh Simpson and his wife, NASA astronaut Cady Coleman; among others.

It’s also highlighted special themed issues like Waterfront Living, Country Living, Gorgeous Gardens, Rooms with a View, Lake Living, Pools and Ponds, the Kitchen Issue, and a Salute to Springfield. There are plans to dedicate an issue to Holyoke this summer, according to Contributing Editor Rich J. Wirth.

Wirth, who helped launch the first issue in 2006, said being a part of Living Spaces has been a rewarding experience.

“For a newspaper beat reporter with a flair for the creative, this has been a fun and rewarding experience,” he said. “I was always interested in architecture and de-



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sign, but now it’s my passion.”

Wirth said, since the very first Living Spaces the product has evolved from a newspaper supplement to a well-respected, highly-sought-after shelter magazine. While the look of the product may have changed since the first issue, Wirth said “what hasn’t changed is the original vision: to offer well-told stories supported by original photography — by the talented Corey Fitzgerald — that expand the narrative visually.”

In all the stories Wirth has written, he said one of his favorites was having the unique opportunity to interview the same couple at different stages of their life.

“Back in 2009, they were raising a family in a 19th century Greek Revival farmhouse in Brimfield. We reconnected with them in 2015 after the now-empty nesters moved to Ware and transformed a 1960s ranch-style house into a minimalistic retreat,” said Wirth. “It showed that design sensibilities are fluid and can — and should — evolve with you.”

Another that stands out is having the chance to feature a \$6.5 million replica of Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello, which Friendly Ice Cream co-founder Prestley Blake built in Somers, Conn.

“[It] is, by far, the most unique home we’ve featured. It’s the first and only time we’ve featured a house that wasn’t occupied or furnished,” said Wirth, adding that he was “honored” to meet Blake when he toured his home in 2009.

“Little did I know the then-92-year-old would end up giving me a personal tour of his 100-acre property on a golf cart. It was one of those ‘I love my job’ moments,” said Wirth.

For Baker, getting to know the homeowners and be invited into their homes has been a very rewarding experience.

“It’s been fun to meet these homeowners and find what drives them and what interests they have,” she said. “Living Spaces has helped me discover what kind of neat treasures we have in our area.”

Look for the 10th anniversary issue of Living Spaces, which is out now. To subscribe to the magazine, call 800-824-6548.



From left are Agawam library employees Susan Peoples and Rose Dupre, and Youth Services Librarian Pamela Weingart, will take care of stuffed animals April 20 in the library’s Children’s Room. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## ‘Teddy Bear Daycare’ at the Agawam Library

Area children are invited to bring their teddy bear, or other stuffed animal, to spend the afternoon at the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, April 20, for “Teddy Bear Daycare.”

Parents may drop off their child’s stuffed animal at the library at 750 Cooper St. between 9 and 11 a.m., and return to the library with their children

at 6 p.m. to enjoy story time and learn what the stuffed animals did all day at “Teddy Bear Daycare.” Snacks will be served.

This program is for children of all ages. Registration is required. To register, visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) or call 413-789-1550, ext. 3.

## Storowton offers spring vacation program

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Storowton Village Museum is offering its annual “A Day Away in the Past” spring school vacation program, April 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. The one-day program is open to children ages 7 to 12. Registration is required.

“A Day Away in the Past,” will allow participants to experience early American life in historical Storowton Village. During their trip to the 19th century, children will dress in period-inspired clothing, explore historic buildings in the Village, try their hand at old-fashioned springtime craft projects and games.

Other activities include candle dipping, shooting marbles and hoop rolling, plus the opportunity to apprentice with a master craftsman in the blacksmith shop

— pumping the bellows at the coal-fired forge, working a hand-crank drill press, filing white work and more. Children will have the chance to participate in all the activities offered. At the end of the day, each will return to the 21st century with their creations for family and friends to see.

An experienced and knowledgeable staff is on hand to guide participants through educational, interactive and fun activities designed to delight and challenge children.

The cost for the one-day program is \$40 and children must provide their lunch. Registration is required by April 15. To register or for more information, call the Storowton Village Museum office at 413-205-5051.

Registrations are also being taken for Storowton’s Early American Summer Days, Aug. 8-12. Call the village office for details or visit [www.TheBigE.com/sv](http://www.TheBigE.com/sv).

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# Therapeutic, relaxing night of fun and fundraising

By Mike Lydick  
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These three friends — Autumn Fontaine of Enfield (wearing cap), Pamela Camerlin of Feeding Hills, center, and Kimberly Paske of West Springfield — couldn't resist the chance to cut loose, relax and have some Thursday Night Therapy. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Nearly 200 women came out for a new Agawam Junior Women's Club event that put the "fun" into fundraising.

Thursday Night Therapy: Ladies Night Out was a two-hour event at the Storowton Village Carriage House in West Springfield, featuring a buffet, cocktails, drinks, dozens of specialty vendors, games, and raffles for a variety of door prizes. But one of the most important ingredients for the March 31 event was fun.

"It was relaxing — a perfect way to burn off some steam with a great bunch of ladies," said Christina Beauchemin, who co-chaired the event with AJWC members Amie Miarecki and Sarah Williams.

She added that the goal was to make the event — which replaced the club's annual fashion show as a major fundraiser — a fun time that didn't feel like a typical fundraiser.

Throughout the evening, there was much laughter and many smiles as participants mingled, checked out vendors, and indulged by buying some products or sampling some of the services or items offered at the event.

The large turnout also boosted the club's coffers by bringing in more than \$6,000 that will benefit the community through scholarships and educational programs. Beauchemin said Thursday Night Therapy raised 75 percent more money than the fashion show last year.

"It was a great opportunity to get out of the house to mingle, to play games, to shop, to eat or drink, get a massage, get your palm read, dance, and just enjoy a night out," said Beauchemin.



Shopping can be a form of therapy — so when Olivia D'Amor of Wilbraham saw this rack of contemporary California clothing, she couldn't resist. Her friend Montana Palmer of Norfolk, Mass., looks on as Stephanie Pettazzoni offers some suggestions from her rack of clothes.



Enjoying a night out with good friends — and having a good time and sharing some good conversation and good laughs — are, from left, Bev Cotto of Feeding Hills, Sarah Brittain of Indian Orchard, and Christina Beauchemin of Feeding Hills. Beauchemin is one of the co-chairs of the Agawam Junior Women's Club Thursday Night Therapy event.



A display of gourmet chocolate goodies caught the attention of, from left, Monica Aldrich of Feeding Hills, Jennifer and Karen Miarecki of Enfield, and Jeanne Moriarty of Feeding Hills. At right, Jeff Wingate, of Pop's Biscotti & Chocolates in Wilbraham, explains handmade indulgences.



Judy Spencer, left, of Wilbraham, and Sue Hult of Longmeadow, sample some chocolate-dipped strawberries from Wicked Good Treats by Elaine.



Swinging Mardi Gras beads is Agawam Junior Women's Club committee member Donna Shibley, who roamed the crowd selling raffle tickets for donated prizes.



Taking advantage of a free chair massage is Southwick resident Joanne Brown. Massaging Brown's muscles is therapist Gina Carasello from the Feeding Hills Wellness Center.

# State rep. to seek re-election

Nicholas Boldyga recently announced that he is seeking re-election for a fourth term as state representative for the 3rd Hampden District, which includes Agawam.

"It's an honor to serve our district as our full-time representative and to be a strong voice for our district on Beacon Hill," said Boldyga, a Southwick Republican. "I've worked to reform and rein in our state budget, filed life-saving legislation, all while continuing to advocate for the fair share of resources



Rep. Boldyga

that our district deserves. ... I'm very humbled that the residents of Agawam, Granville and Southwick have continued to support me."

Boldyga serves on the House committees on Ways and Means, and Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. He was first elected in 2010.

Boldyga and his wife Jessica have three children, a son, Greyson, and two daughters, Avery and Marin, that are four years, two years and eight months old.

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"You can never fully get soap out of a sponge," said Peter. "And in this case, we are going to try and clean it up as much as we can to get it to an acceptable level so a new business can go on the property."

With several unknowns still, Peter said there is no estimate for how much it will cost to clean up the property for redevelopment. He did say he believes he can get it cleaned up cheaper than other entities.

"I am hoping to have the property resold within a year," said Peter.

Cohen said he did not have a specific idea in mind of what he would like to see developed on the property, though Planning and Community Development Director Marc Strange has said a commercial development of some kind would fit the character of the other businesses located in the area.

Games and Lanes sits directly opposite several storefronts on Walnut Street Extension, which has been targeted by the town for streetscape improvements and the creation of a "walkable downtown" area. Games and Lanes is part of a "Business C" mixed-use zone, which would allow residential units as part of a commercial development.

The property has been vacant more than 16 years, after Games and Lanes, a family fun center that included a bowling alley, batting cages, indoor soccer facility, and arcade, closed. The building has fallen into disrepair, with large holes in the roof, and



Time and the elements have taken a toll on the Games and Lanes building, closed for more than a decade and a half. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

underground contamination has spread to surrounding properties as far as Suffield Street.

During the 2015 town elections, Cohen was criticized heavily for refusing to take the property for unpaid back taxes. He said at the time that doing so would make the town responsible for cleaning up the ground pollution with taxpayer funds.



The long-awaited sale of Games and Lanes, on Walnut Street Extension, closed last week.



The Berkshire Power Plant on Moylan Lane in Agawam. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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"We probably would have tagged on as a party to the complaint, but we were never made aware of it," he said.

Berkshire's settlement was negotiated with United States Attorney Carmen Ortiz and the state attorney general, Maura Healey. The natural gas-fired power plant, which has been in operation for nearly 15 years, is located on Moylan Drive, off Shoemaker Lane in Agawam.

According to a statement from Ortiz' office, Berkshire's owner and operating company engaged in "a pattern of behavior by multiple persons and entities in obstructing the enforcement of laws designed to protect the air we breathe," tampering with emissions equipment and giving false information to federal regulators.

On March 30, Berkshire Power Co., the plant's owner, agreed to plead guilty and pay \$2.75 million in criminal penalties for violating the federal Clean Air Act, and make a \$750,000 community service payment to the American Lung Association to fund the replacement of wood-burning stoves in Western Massachusetts. Power Plant Management Services will pay \$500,000 in federal criminal fines, and a \$250,000 contribution to the wood stove fund. Between the two companies, they will also pay \$3.04 million plus interest in civil penalties to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for misrepresenting the plant's availability to produce power.

William Freddo, the project general manager at Berkshire Power in Agawam, said the company has "no comment at this time" about the settlement.

"Berkshire Power considers all our issues to be still an ongoing legal matter," he said.

Ortiz noted that the penalties paid by Power Plant Management Services for making false statements to the regional power grid administrator include the first-ever criminal charges under the Federal Power Act.

The tampering with pollution monitoring equipment allowed Berkshire Power to file inaccurate emissions reports with the federal Environmental Protection Agency, which allowed the plant to increase its power production for higher revenues. By doing so, the plant emitted excess nitrogen oxide, which can cause the formation of ground-level ozone, a pollutant that

can cause harmful respiratory effects and even death in vulnerable populations such as the elderly or children. Nitrogen oxide emissions can also cause environmental damage to aquatic life and vegetation.

"The deliberate scheme Berkshire Power Plant management and staff undertook gave them an unfair competitive advantage over responsible companies, and undermined a system that depends on honest data reporting," said Tyler Amon, special agent in charge of the EPA's Criminal Investigation Division in Boston. "Maximizing profit to minimize the cost of controlling pollution is placing greed over protecting nearby communities. EPA will continue to pursue cases that maintain data integrity, so we can do our job to protect clean air."

EthosEnergy, the former management company, did not admit to the allegations but did agree to pay a \$1.1 million civil penalty for its employees' role in a violation of state Public Health Law by tampering with air pollution monitoring equipment. Ethos will also make a \$200,000 contribution to the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in Massachusetts.

"Reporting environmental information accurately is essential to state and federal efforts to improve air quality," said Martin Suuberg, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection, in a statement. "Some of the funds generated by this settlement will support innovative programs to improve air quality in the Commonwealth, including the woodstove change-out and electric vehicle subsidy programs."

The power plant already makes payments to the town of more than a hundred thousand dollars, in addition to its property tax bills, every year. As part of a 1996 agreement during the permitting process for the power plant, Berkshire Power has made an escalating contribution annually for the past 15 years, starting with \$50,000 in 2001 and including, most recently, a \$155,797 gift in August 2015. The money is deposited in a special account, with a portion designated for the library, for parks and recreation and for beautification projects around town.

The agreement runs to 2040, by which time the payment will have increased to \$316,703.

The power plant went online July 3, 2001.

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# SPORTS

## LACROSSE SEASON OPENER

# Big second half gets Brownies first victory

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – Despite falling behind early in the game, the Agawam boys lacrosse team was able to come back from four goals down and defeat Amherst, 12-11, last Thursday afternoon, winning their season opener.

The Brownies will playing their home games this season at School Street Park, occupying the all-purpose field located along River Road while a new all-purpose artificial turf field is constructed at Agawam High School.

Playing in the unfamiliar venue, the Brownies had a tough time getting started, losing the ball several times and giving up goals in transition.

Agawam and Amherst played even early in the game, finishing the first quarter with a 3-3 score, but Amherst pulled ahead by a couple of goals early in the second.

A pair of goals helped the Brownies get back in the game to trail by one goal, but Amherst scored three unanswered goals to end the first half with a 9-5 lead.

But the Brownies did not take that lying down, coming out and drawing near even with a four-goal third quarter.

The defense held the Hurricanes to a single goal, and trailed 10-9.



Above: Alex Amato tries to circle around the Amherst defense.



Left: Agawam's T.J. Maniscalchi passes the ball away. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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## SOFTBALL PREVIEW

## Wheeler set to lead Brownies title defense

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – The Agawam softball team has rode the success of a great starting pitcher for the last eight years.

Their latest sensation will enter her final season wearing the orange Agawam colors when the Brownies take the field this week.

The Brownies are winners of three of the last four Western Massachusetts Division I Championships. They have reached the state finals once.

Two of those sectional titles came on the arm of Allison Wheeler, who has dominated the competition to the tune of 48 wins in the past three years, an average of 16 per season.

Agawam will be relaying on Wheeler, who has several quality pitches and the ability to change speeds well, to simply be herself. She is a fierce, very focused competitor that knows how to get people out.

Supporting her this year will be several members of last year's starting lineup, minus Wheeler's battery mat and the right side of the Agawam infield.

Sabrinna Dubiel, Becca Uschmann, and Taylor Marcotte have all graduated.

Coach Kathy Georgina will call on catcher Sierra Kruser, a junior varsity call up, and a junior this season, to take over behind the plate. Kruser has been working with Wheeler in the offseason to prepare for this year.

Gianna Perella and Samantha Stratton are listed on the roster at first base and second base, respectively. Maggie Mendoza, Anna Torres, and Lexi Kupiec are also capable of playing the infield.

On the left side, shortstop Jess Lingenberg and third baseman Maria Moccio both return this year.

Outfielders Jenna Beach, Rachel Lapponese, and Katie Grasso are also back this season. Grasso also serves as a backup pitcher.

Agawam has a great reputation for two elements of their game, good pitching, and good hitting. Though Marcotte was an excellent hitter the past few years, the Brownies still should not be short any offense this season with the number of returning players to their lineup. Wheeler also packs a punch at the plate and hit .457 last season. She hit .500 during the playoffs.

Agawam's competition is not looking as tough as in recent years, with several talented starting pitchers having graduated last season. Among them, Jill Stockley is gone from Longmeadow.

This year, while fields are under construction, the Brownies will play their home games at Borgatti Field on River Road. The Brownies will get new dugouts with the improvements next year.

The Brownies were scheduled to open the year against West Springfield, but a snowstorm has ruined that opener.

The Brownies are scheduled to host Westfield on Monday at 4 p.m.

## BASEBALL PREVIEW

## Brownies rebuilding with great talent

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – The Agawam baseball team will have one of its youngest rosters in recent history, and they are getting set to take on competition in the region this week.

Complicating matters for the Brownies is the fact they are coming off a tough season last year and will be using unfamiliar digs as they adjust to an alternate field for the year.

Coach Brian Rheault is very optimistic because the majority of his roster is set in their positions, and the ability to get comfortable in a particular spot will bode well for the team.

"For the first time since taking over two years ago, we will not be constantly juggling positions," said Rheault. "These young players will be given the opportunity to gain experience and get comfortable at positions they are skilled playing."

Rheault will be using junior Kevin Lecuyer as one of his starting pitchers this year, and has tabbed him to start the first game of the season. That game, scheduled against Holyoke, was in danger of being postponed due to a snowstorm.

He said Lecuyer has the ability to be a top pitching in the region.

Austin Sabadosa will likely be the starting catcher, a role he settled into last season. Joe Oliver, a sophomore with great potential, will play a lot of third base and will also pitch, Rheault said.

Troy Near (SS), Max Molta (2B), and Aidan Page (1B) will comprise the rest of the starting infield. Senior Tym Regnier, Cam Hartman, and Chris Morassi will comprise the starting outfield.

Rheault said Morassi has a great combination of speed and power, and will make a great leadoff hitter this season.

While the team is young, Rheault said the talent is at a very high level. He said a good work ethic and constantly trying to improve will be key factors to Agawam's success as these players gain experience.

With the athletic facility project ongoing, the Brownies will be playing their home games this year at Shea Field, located behind the Robinson School. The Brownies will move into a new home field located behind the high school next season.

"Playing at Shea's Field is not the perfect situation but it isn't the end of the world either," said Rheault. "The biggest obstacle is coping with the loss of our batting cage so we had to become creative in finding ways for players to get enough repetitions. Sometimes a hardship can be a blessing in disguise. All in all, I would say it's been a minor adjustment."

Rheault said the team is committed to improvement, and making tournament is a definitely an achievable goal.

If the Brownies did not play against Holyoke, they would next be scheduled to play on April 8 against Chicopee, and then again on Tuesday, April 12 against Chicopee Comp. Both games are 4 p.m. starts.

# Sports

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Three more goals in the final frame would put Agawam ahead.

Depth in the lineup really helped the Brownies as they adjusted to several new faces in the midfield and offense.

Matt Lemke, Matthew Lockwood, Rob Mirolli, and Dominic Pellegrino had two goals each.

Alex Amato, Tom Dagenais, T.J. Maniscalchi, and Cameron Richard all tallied single goals.

Mirolli had the team-high four points with two assists added to his pair of goals, and the Brownies are off to a good start with their younger team.

The Brownies do have several seniors on the team this season, but many of them do not have the same experience the lineup they graduated had.

Agawam went 11-7 last year and qualified for the Central/West Massachusetts tournament. The Brownies would lose to St. John's of Shrewsbury in the opening round of the tournament 10-7.

The Brownies welcome a new goalie to the starting lineup, going with Zach Fiedler with the graduation of Tahir Blair. Fiedler got into same games last year. The Brownies got six saves in Fiedler's first start of the year.

Also in the starting lineup for the Brownies this year are Troy Carroll and Nate Morrie in the midfield.

On defense, Keith Ruby, Brett Fila, and Joseph Johnston made up the opening defensive unit.



Dominic Pellegrino makes a pass from behind the Amherst goal.

The Brownies would see their record evened at 1-1 last Saturday night when they faced Longmeadow, a boys lacrosse powerhouse, at Springfield College, and lost 14-0.

The Brownies are scheduled to travel to Mount Greylock High School in Williamstown on April 9 at 1 p.m. They are back home against West Springfield on April 12 at 4 p.m.

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Anthony Passerini fights for possession of the ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Matt Lemke tries to break away after winning a faceoff.

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# Webb tourney concludes

**By Nate Rosenthal**  
*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

CHICOPEE - The organizers of the Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament, played at the Boys and Girls Club of Chicopee, could not have asked for a better finish to their 12th annual classic. After four champions were crowned on Saturday, the tournament got extended to Monday for the last three championship games, each of which came down to the final minutes.

With the Boys and Girls Club hosting, Chicopee played a major role in the tournament. Of the 37 teams, 13 came from the city. They had one champion, the 7th/8th grade boys team, BGCC. The 5th/6th girls, SBC Hawks and 5th/6th boys A Minutemen, played in their respective finals. Other Chicopee teams were: the Cavaliers and Eagles, 3rd/4th boys; AJAC, 3rd/4th girls; Minutemen, Force 1, Force 2 and Monstars, 7th/8th boys. Tigers and Knights, 5th/6th boys B.

Holyoke had five teams, all from Our Lady of Guadalupe. Their 3rd/4th boys OLOG 1 and the 5th/6th girls OLOG teams both won championships. The 7th/8th girls OLOG 2 was in the finals. Also playing was OLOG 2, 3rd/4th boys and OLOG 1 7th/8th girls.

Belchertown was represented by two St. Francis CYO teams in the 5th/6th boys B and the 3rd/4th girls. The boys were in the finals. South Hadley and Ludlow each had a team in the 5th/6th boys A bracket.

One other champion, the 7th/8th girls had two players from Chicopee, two from Holyoke and one each from Agawam and Wilbraham.

The games began with the 3rd/4th boys. OLOG 1 beat RBC Hoyas of Springfield, 21-18 giving the Hoyas their first loss and thus setting up another championship game for Monday. OLOG led for nearly the entire game and held off RBC in the end.

In the second game, OLOG beat SBC Minutemen, 13-6 to win the 5th/6th girls championship. OLOG led from the outset, leading 8-1 then 10-2 at the half. Yamirelis Matos won the MVP, scoring six points.

Like the opener, game three forced a second championship for the 3rd/4th grade girls. St. Francis won 15-13 after trailing for most of the game. They took the lead with two minutes to play. They would be the second game on Monday.

BGCC won the 7th/8th grade boys championship, 61-51 over Longmeadow. The Lancers came back from an 11-point deficit to close to a point at the break. In the second half, they led 34-32, then BGCC ran away. Isiah Rivera, 16 points, was named MVP for BGCC. A second MVP was

given to Ben Levin of Longmeadow, as his 35 points kept them in the game.

Mig's Team of Springfield was a 27-16 winner over St. Francis CYO in the 5th/6th boys B championship. Mig's Team led 9-8 at the half and then pulled away late in the second with the last nine points of the game. Kyle Yarde had seven of his nine in the after the break and he was named MVP.

Game six, the 5th/6th boys A group was the end of a round robin. With just three teams, the SBC Minutemen lost to South Hadley Tigers, 43-27. South Hadley dominated leading 25-4 with six minutes left in the half and then 28-10 at the break. They kept the Minutemen at arms' length throughout the second half. Jonas Clarke was the MVP with 12 points.

The final game of the day was perhaps the best with Mig's Team of Springfield and OLOG 2 battling to the end in the 7th/8th grade girls bracket. With three seconds left, Ashley Vasquez buried a three with 5.9 seconds left to give Mig's a one-point lead. She added a free throw for the 25-23 final. That was OLOG's first loss and the two teams would play for the championship in the last game on Monday.

Monday's action began with OLOG 1 beating RBC, 28-19 for the 3rd/4th grade boys championship. They overcame a 13-3 first half deficit with a 25-6 second half to win it, scoring the last 13 points of the game in the final 3:00. Shawn Rivera, with eight points was named MVP, Gavier Fernandez had 12 points to lead all scorers.

Next was the 3rd/4th girls. Down 7-2 early in the game, Longmeadow fought back and tied it with 19 seconds left in the game on a Natalie Matz free throw. In the second overtime, Madelyn Szyluk gave Longmeadow their first lead of the game with 1:00 to go. She added another two points with 27 seconds left. Szyluk was named MVP. Matz also had four points.

The tournament concluded with the 7th/8th grade girls. Mig's came back from 16-8 at the break to win it 29-23. They took the lead, 21-20, with 4:00 to go on a Natalie Rodriguez basket and then pulled away in the final 1:30. Playing for Mig's Team were Natalie and Nicole Rodriguez from Chicopee; Ashley Vazquez and Bianca Ortiz from Holyoke; Denielisz Castellano from Agawam and Hallie O'Toole from Wilbraham. Mig's team chose not to have anyone named MVP, but rather have it be a team MVP.

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# Sports

## Local 2016 Boston Marathon runners

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Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of H.P. Hood, LLC, which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-56 of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances to allow for the construction of three milk storage silos at the premises identified as 233 Main Street.  
**Doreen Prouty** Chairperson  
Agawam Board of Appeals  
4/7,4/14/16

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD16P0560EA  
Estate of:**

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## COLLEGE NOTES

### Monahan places second

NEW LONDON, Conn. – Strong performances in the field events highlighted the Owls second-place finish at the Coast Guard Invitational meet on Saturday, April 2, with Agawam graduate Ashley Monahan, who placed second in the 800 meters in 2 minutes, 20.29 econds.

Westfield finished second with 110 points. WPI won the team title with 139, while Wellesley placed third at the 12 team meet.

**M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 28, 2016

**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
4/7/16

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD16P0538EA  
Estate of:**

**Maureen C. Fredey**  
Also known as:  
**Maureen Donatini**  
Date of Death: 12/21/2015  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Robert W. Fredey** of Agawam, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Robert W. Fredey** of Agawam MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/22/2016.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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## AAA Falcons Girls Softball signups

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Please contact softballcoachdpw@gmail.com or call 413-323-5887.

## Summer brochure available online

AGAWAM – The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department summer brochure is now available online.

It is available at [www.agawam.ma.us](http://www.agawam.ma.us).



MASSACHUSETTS  
UNIFORM PROBATE  
CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 24, 2016  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
4/7/16

## AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:15 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Nutbrown for property located at 1810 Main Street.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation  
Commission  
4/7/16

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD15P2356EA**

**Estate of:  
Richard F DeVall  
Date of Death: 12-7-2012  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Richard F. DeVall Jr** of Agawam MA.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
4/7/16

## AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Soffan for property located at 21 Blair's Hill Road.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation  
Commission

4/7/16

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD15P2350EA  
Estate of: Virginia DeVall  
Date of Death: 9-17-14  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Richard F. DeVall Jr** of Agawam MA.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
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# Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com), fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

**Friday, April 8**

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will host Rick Spencer, internationally recognized folk singer, songwriter, and historian best known for his series of theme-based historical music programs, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library as part of the its popular Applause Series. It is free and open to the public.

SPRING FLING DOG SHOW & OBEDIENCE TRIAL in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission.

**Saturday, April 9**

A PASTA DINNER to benefit Agawam resident Donna Gabriel in her battle with breast cancer, 4 to 7 p.m., at St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. Tickets are \$10. To purchase in advance, call Donna at 413-537-4808 or Patty at 413-433-2896. Tickets also available at the door.

RENT-A-SPACE TAG SALE sponsored by the West Springfield Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills. For more information, contact Liz at 860-798-1013, Randy at 413-846-3433, or the club at 413-786-5925.

THE SUFFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH, 100 N. Main St., Suffield, will host its "Handbell Choir & Friends" concert at 3 p.m. An opportunity to donate to a free will offering to support the Music Ministry will be available. For more information, contact the church office at 860-668-1661, or email [office@secondbaptistsuffield.org](mailto:office@secondbaptistsuffield.org).

TROY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.

**Sunday, April 10**

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

TRAP FALLS KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

**Tuesday, April 12**

"TRASH TALKIN' WITH NANCY (and Helga) — Community Based Solutions to Reducing Our Trash Footprint and Keeping Our Town Clean" at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. To register, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org).

AGAWAM ADDICTION FORUM at the Roberta G. Doring School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam. Open house from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by the forum from 7 to 9 p.m. will include specialists, professionals and speakers. Featured guests will include Tracy Wilkie of the Shane Foundation and Kristin Trauschke of Agawam Against Addiction. For more information, visit [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AgawamAgainstAddiction).

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

**Thursday, April 14**

J. POLEP DISTRIBUTION SERVICES TRADE SHOW in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. No charge.

THE LIFE RAFT DEBATE, an opportunity to hear STCC professors and deans debate the merits of their particular disciplines, is open to the public at 9:30 a.m. at Scibelli Hall at STCC, One Armory Square, Springfield. It is part of the school's free Ovations series. For more information, call 413-755-4233 or email [pcodonoghue@stcc.edu](mailto:pcodonoghue@stcc.edu).

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "All Over England," featuring Amy S. Dane, global traveler, lecturer and photographer, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Friday, April 15**

NORTHEAST REINING HORSE SHOW in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Free admission.

**Saturday, April 16**

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CHICKEN PIE SUPPER at 5:30 p.m. Tickets purchased in advance are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children; at the door, \$15. To purchase tickets, call 413-786-7111. The church is at 745 Main St., Agawam.

**Sunday, April 17**

MAWAGA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB LUNKER TROUT DERBY at 377 Adams St., Agawam. A full breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. Lunch also available. Fishing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No license required. \$15 donation requested. All are welcome. For more information, call 413-789-0934 or 413-265-0851.

**Tuesday, April 19**

CITIZENS RESTORING CONGAMOND'S first 2016 meeting will be at Crabby Joe's Restaurant, 141 Congamond Road at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to all. In addition to updates on invasive weed treatments and water health, Suffield First Selectwoman, Melissa Mack, and Southwick Harbor Master/Police Chief, David A. Ricardi, will speak and take questions. The Congamond Lakes Environmental Protection Organization will provide an update on the proposed mining operation on South Pond.

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public. New members welcome.

AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB will meet at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Social with refreshments begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by business meeting at 7 p.m. All are invited. New members welcome. Guest speaker will be Mary Ann Dietschler, who makes wreaths for Wreaths With a Reason in support of Operation Underground Railroad.

**Wednesday, April 20**

UPHA-14 SPRING PREMIER HORSE SHOW in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield today through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. Free admission.

**Friday, April 22**

NEW ENGLAND SPRING CLASSIC DOG SHOWS today through Sunday in Mallary East and Mallary West on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission.

**Saturday, April 23**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF AGAWAM, 760 Main St., on the corner of Main Street and Elm Street indoor tag sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Antiques, new items, multiple tables, bake table and snack bar. For more information, call the church office 413-786-7300.

HOLISTIC VENDOR FAIR at the Feeding Hills Wellness Center, 567 Springfield St., Feeding Hills today and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free to the public. For more information, contact the Feeding Hills Wellness Center at 413-244-4660 or visit [th-wellness.com](http://th-wellness.com).

SPRINGFIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY annual photography workshop at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This free conference is open to the public. Those planning to attend the event should email Kevin Fay at [fay44@comcast.net](mailto:fay44@comcast.net). Participants should bring their cameras, lenses, flash and camera manuals.

**Sunday, April 24**

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM at 35 Elm St., Agawam, will open for the season from 1 to 4 p.m. and will feature a special exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Eastern States Exhibition. For more information, visit [www.agawam-historicalassoc.webs.com](http://www.agawam-historicalassoc.webs.com) or follow it on Facebook.

FLUTIST TIMOTHY MACRI will open the spring and summer concert series at Second Baptist Church, 100 N. Main St., Suffield with a performance at 3 p.m.

JUDITH BLACK, nationally known award-winning actress/storyteller, will portray Civil War abolitionist and suffragette Lucy Stone for one performance only at Springfield Armory NHS theatre at the corner of State and Federal streets (STCC campus), at 2 p.m. The program is free. For more information, call 413-734-8551 or visit [www.nps.gov/spar](http://www.nps.gov/spar).

**Wednesday, April 27**

SPRING BOOK SALE sponsored by the Friends of the Southwick Public Library, 5-7 p.m. member preview today at the library, 95 Feeding Hills Road (new members may join at the door for \$5; \$10 families); regular sale days 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, email [inthejog2@yahoo.com](mailto:inthejog2@yahoo.com) or call 413-569-1221.

**Thursday, April 28**

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "All About Emus and Why Would a Museum Hath Their Eggs," featuring Elizabeth Thwing, nonfiction writer for children, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Saturday, April 30**

LADIES TEA IN THE GARDEN at 1 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Tea, sandwiches, desserts served by white-gloved waiters. Tickets \$12, \$5 for girls under 12, available mornings in the church office or by calling 413-786-7111.

CITIZENS RESTORING CONGAMOND will hold a plant sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Suffield Green at Mountain Road and N. Main Street, rain or shine. All profits support CRC's efforts to maintain Congamond Lakes' water quality and fight invasive weeds.

**Sunday, May 1**

PANCAKES FOR AUTISM at Moolicious Farm, 258 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick, 8 a.m. to noon. \$8 for adults; \$6 for children includes Joe's famous pancakes with bacon or sausage and a beverage. Proceeds to benefit the Western New England Walk Now For Autism Speaks.

**Saturday, May 14**

WESTFIELD GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE at 28 Court St. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Perennials, annuals and indoor plants featured at reasonable prices, along with "garden art," flower baskets, ornaments and accessories. A raffle of gift baskets will be included in the day's activities.

**Sunday, May 15**

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St.,

West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

**Friday, May 20**

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE from 2-5 p.m., \$3 for the public, free for Friends members; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at no charge for all. All proceeds to benefit library programs.

**ONGOING**

THE UPSTAIRS GALLERY AND GLASS CASES at the Agawam Public Library contain 68 photos that were juried into the Friends of the Agawam Public Library Sixth Open Juried Photography Show. The show will run to Feb. 26. Brochures are available in the gallery area at the library that describe the photographs.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at [rosemarysandlin@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarysandlin@gmail.com)

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

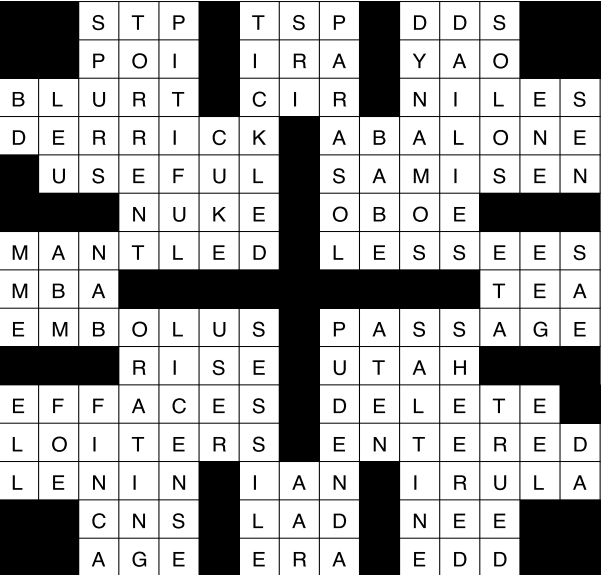
A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

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## Agawam Senior Center

- Lunch Menu**  
**Monday, April 11:** Chicken tetrazzini over egg noodles, mixed vegetables, oranges.  
**Tuesday, April 12:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, mixed fruit.  
**Wednesday, April 13:** Beef pot pie, puff pastry, mixed vegetables, Caesar salad, pudding.  
**Thursday, April 14:** Beefsteak topped with fried onions, mashed potatoes, corn, baked good.  
**Friday, April 15:** Baked fish, rice pilaf, buttered spinach, peaches.
- Calendar of Events**  
**Monday, April 11:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.  
**Tuesday, April 12:** Reiki available (call Carlene at 413-525-7345 for appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise;

- 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Mom's Night Out"), ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 6 p.m., beginner line dance, evening sewing, art class with Barbara Cohen; 7 p.m., Garden Club meeting.  
**Wednesday, April 13:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge, Chapter 1 banquet (no meeting); 1 p.m., Scrabble; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold; 6:30 p.m., Turnverein chorus.  
**Thursday, April 14:** 8:30 a.m., Last day of AARP tax assistance; 9 a.m., exercise; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, free blood pressure check; 1:30 p.m., Melody Band practice; 4:15 p.m., Pilates; 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.  
**Friday, April 15:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., poker; 5 p.m., volunteer dinner (by invitation).

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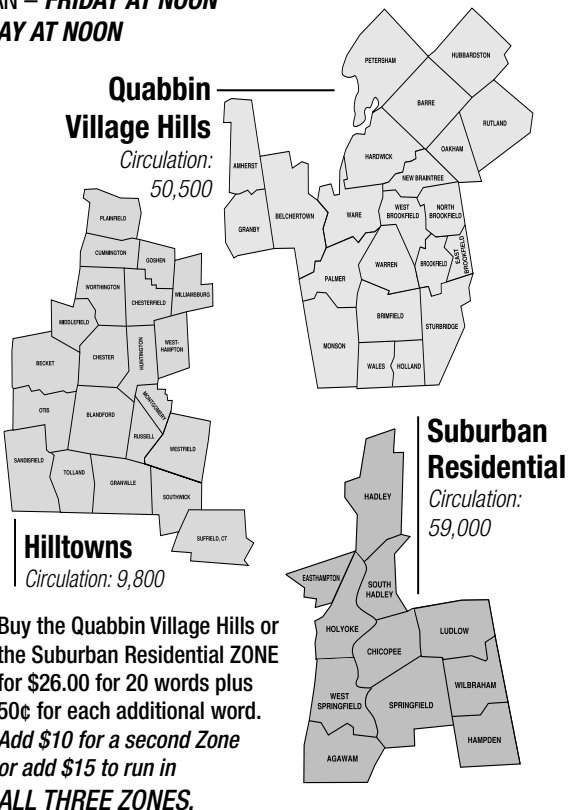
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# Catholic Women go 'Back in Time'

The Agawam Catholic Woman's Club held its annual March Entertainment Night recently at St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center. The evening began with a buffet dinner catered by Partners Restaurant, with the show immediately following.

Co-chairwomen of the event were Paula Raiche and Jackie Toussaint. The theme of this year's show was "Back in Time," which featured music from the 1950s to the 1990s. Special guest at the event was the Rev. Brian McGrath from St. John's.



A performance of "Mr. Sandman" was part of Entertainment Night hosted by the Agawam Catholic Woman's Club. SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY GERALDINE SCHILLING-NORVAL



Guests enjoy a buffet dinner prior to the entertainment.



The Rev. Brian McGrath and his guitar entertain members of the Catholic Woman's Club at Entertainment Night.



Jeannette Denoncourt practices with musician Wayne Ball.



Mary Zajac



Cathy McKenna and Betsy Ciempa



Paula Raiche



Jackie Toussaint



From left, Muriel Birchenough, Phyllis Parceyk, Joanne Agnoli, Ann Sorel, Miriam Taupier, Jane McCarthy, Elaine Bowler, Barbara Pontusso and Lucille Drewnowski.



From left, Janet Wysocki, Jacqueline Fenton, Sheryl Mardeusz, Pauline Sawyer, Judy Shrader, Marie Fortier, Bernice Consolini and Grace Pio.

# Our Town

## CPA project photos, student art on display

Two art exhibits are on display at the Agawam Public Library during the month of April.

On the gallery walls is a collection of photographs from the Agawam Community Preservation Committee. The photos feature past projects around town that were funded by the Community Preservation Act.

Across both levels of the library is the colorful and creative artwork of the students from Thousand Cranes Studio. The artwork consists of drawings, sketches, and paintings from students as young as 3 years old. Thousand Cranes Studio is run by Stan and Sheila Coly and is located in Feeding Hills. For more information, please visit [www.thousandcranesstudio.com](http://www.thousandcranesstudio.com).

The library is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. It is located at 750 Cooper St., Agawam. Those interested in displaying their artwork at the library should contact Adult Services Librarian Cher Collins at 413-789-1550, ext. 8851, or [ccollins@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:ccollins@agawamlibrary.org).



Artworks from Thousand Cranes Studio are on display at the Agawam Public Library this month. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Frank Palange, second from right in back row, owner of V&F Auto Inc., and Nicole Palange, second from right in front row, vice president of V&F Auto Inc., are pictured with shop owners from around the country at the ATI awards banquet held last month. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## V&F ranks in top 12 shops nationally

V&F Auto Service of Agawam was recently recognized as one of the “Top 12 Shops in the Nation,” by the Automotive Training Institute in Baltimore, Md.

All awards were presented at the SuperConference Awards Banquet held March 19. V&F Auto Service was ranked fifth among all shops in North America. ATI’s quest for the best starts with the top 150 shops, which then is reduced to

a list of 75 qualifiers, then to 50, to 25 and finally to the top 12 shops.

“I am committed to keeping all employees informed and well trained,” said owner Frank Palange. “We are honored to have dedicated employees who understand the meaning of customer service. With them, we were able to achieve this goal of one of the nation’s top shops.”

## Westfield, Chicopee banks to merge

Westfield Bank plans to merge with Chicopee Savings Bank, the two banks’ parent companies announced this week.

The merger, expected to close in the final quarter of 2016, would create the largest community bank in Hampden County, second in local deposits only to TD Bank. James Hagan, the president and CEO of Westfield Bank who will continue in that role at the merged bank, said there are no branch closures expected.

Westfield Bank has 13 branches, mostly west of the Connecticut River, including 655 Main St., Agawam, and 237 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Chicopee Savings Bank has seven branches, which will be rebranded as Westfield Bank branches. Chicopee’s branches are almost all east of the river. The only town where the two banks compete is West Springfield, where Westfield has a location downtown and Chicopee has an of-

fice near the Riverdale shopping area.

Bank executives noted that this is the first time in 25 years that two banks based in Hampden County are merging, rather than a local bank being bought up by an outside organization.

“Importantly, we will not be moving resources out of the marketplace, but intensifying resources in our core market,” Hagan said on April 5.

The new bank’s parent company will be named Western New England Bancorp Inc., but will retain the name Westfield Bank for all retail operations. It will be based in the current Westfield headquarters.

The merger agreement has been unanimously approved by both banks’ boards of directors. It still needs to gain approval from both banks’ shareholders, and government regulators.

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